

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – April 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI**

The second monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on April 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. CALL TO ORDER, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL

Motion to move item 15a to be heard next on the agenda.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT for items not on the Agenda

4. COUNCIL COMMENTS

5. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD - None

6. ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION REPORTS

a. Town Administrator

b. Town Solicitor

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of and potential action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Ninigret Park Stakeholder

b. Discussion of and potential action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding with Ninigret Park Stakeholders the Frosty Drew Observatory and all Abutters to Ninigret Park

c. Discussion and possible action regarding the formation of a Stakeholder Commission to work with a vendor to redesign the Ninigret Park Master Plan to be comprised of a member of the Budget Commission, a member of the Conservation Commission, a member of the Economic Improvement Commission, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, a member of the Planning Commission, a representative from Frosty Drew Observatory, a representative from U.S. Fish and Wildlife, a representative from the Ninigret Park Neighborhood Community, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, the Town Planner, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the Town Solicitor

d. Discussion and potential action regarding a policy for posting documents on Clerkbase

e. Discussion and potential action regarding proposed amendments to the Chariho Act establishing two-year School Committee terms

f. Discussion and potential action regarding a request from the Chariho Cowboys for the lighting equipment that was formerly used at the Route 1 driving range.

g. Request from the Charlestown Naval Airfield Memorial Committee to utilize the Summer Office at Ninigret Park for the purpose of displaying artifacts collected from the former Naval Airfield.

h. Discussion and possible appointment of an Acting Town Administrator

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public hearing and potential action regarding Ordinance 347 amending Chapter 218 Zoning, Section 75 Nuisances, D Lighting and Chapter 155 Nuisances, Article III Lighting, Section 15. Motion to continue the public hearing to June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown RI 02813 and re-advertise.

10. COUNCIL SITTING AS BEVERAGE LICENSING BOARD - None

11. LICENSES AND PERMITS - None

12. CONSENT AGENDA *All items marked with "CA" are to be considered consent agenda - None*

13. MINUTES AND REPORTS

a. Town Council Minutes: March 7, March 12 (Executive and Regular)

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Board and Commission vacancies

15. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Commendation for the Four Horsemen – Dan Kilcoyne, Bryce Kelley, Jake Kilcoyne and Mike Marsella

b. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance #348 amending Chapter 158 – Parks, Beaches and Recreation Areas (Beach Passes). Motion to order advertised for public hearing on May 14, 2012.

c. Resolution opposing 2% meals tax increase

d. Resolution opposing lodging tax expansion

e. Letter of support – H7450 (municipal reimbursement for essential services provided to certain tax exempt properties) and/or S2786 (No property owned by any private non-profit institution of higher education or non-profit hospital facility)

would be exempt from taxation if the property's income were derived from activity not involving education or healthcare, respectively)

16. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

a. Letter from Attorney James V. Aukerman re: Estate of Richard M. Heavers

17. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS - None

18. FISCAL MATTERS - None

19. LEGAL MATTERS - None

20. ADJOURNMENT

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Town Council. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 711-364-1240 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

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